# Evening Worship Service of Thanksgiving



November 24, 2021 7:30pm St. Peter's Church, West Penn Mantzville, Pennsylvanía



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"... where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn."

Rev. Virginia M. Heimer, Pastor Carol Steigerwalt, Director of Music

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We Gather Again and Seek God's Presence

## **Prayer of Preparation**

Wonderful and Loving God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your blessings and serve you in willing obedience, through the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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#### Greeting

**Prelude** "For The Beauty of The Earth" by Folliott S. Pierpoint & Conrad Kocher

(All who are able, please stand.)

# **Opening Prayer**

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 126)

- L: Let us begin this day by rejoicing!
- P: The Lord has done such wonderful things for us.
- L: Let us be glad!
- P: The day before us is uncertain.
- L: We know not what we will encounter on our way.
- P: Wherever we go, we go forth as people of the living God.
- L: We go forth to touch the lives of all with God's healing touch.
- P: Let us begin this day with rejoicing and return to our homes with gladness!

Hymn

"We Gather Together"

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(The congregation may be seated.)

#### **Scripture Readings**

First Reading Gospel

1Timothy 2:1-7

*Matthew 6:25-33* 

(The First Reading and the Gospel are printed on the back of the bulletin.) (After the Gospel is announced, all who are able stand and sing:)



Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

(After the Gospel is read, sing: )



Praise be to Thee, O Christ

(The congregation may be seated.)

Sermon

### **Special Music**

"In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him" by Claire Cloninger & Franz Joseph Hayd ~Offered by the Senior Choir

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory "Come Into His Presence With Thanksgiving" by Lynn Baird

(All who are able, please stand.)

The Offertory Response (sung)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **Offering Prayer**

We offer our gifts to you this day, O God, as a true act of thanksgiving and praise, to reflect our gratitude and love for you and our neighbor. Help us to bless others as you continually bless us. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated.)

**Blessing of the Bread** 

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

(All who are able, please stand.)

Sending Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

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**Benediction** 

#### **Choral Benediction**

"Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling thro' this wilderness.

**Postlude** "Give Thanks" by Henry Smith

We are especially thankful for the worship leadership provided by the following:

**ORGANIST:** Carol Steigerwalt.

LECTOR: Nancy Knadler.

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Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Psalm 100:4

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Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

--WT Purkiser

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Thursday, November 25:

HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 26:

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN WITH LIMITED HOURS

Next Sunday, November 28:

9:00 AM Worship Service ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

White Gifts

10:15 AM Sunday School

**NO Confirmation Class** 

\*For complete details on these events, please consult your newsletter.

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.

-Mary Fairchild



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#### Say a Prayer for:

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#### First Reading

1Timothy 2:1-7

- 1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,
- 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.
- 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
- 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,
- 6 who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.
- 7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

#### The Gospel

*Matthew 6:25-33* 

- 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
- 26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
- 27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?
- 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,
- 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
- 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?
- 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?' or "What will we drink?' or "What will we wear?'
- 32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- 33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.